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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE PRODUCT FOR CALCULATING AND PRESENTING A NUMERICAL VALUE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PROPERTY OF A CIRCUIT (As Amended)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment, responsive to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, is being filed as part of a Continued Prosecution Application. Please amend the above-identified Application as indicated below. An enclosed Appendix contains the amendments with markings to show changes made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4:

According to this invention, a method for calculating pin-to-pin delay time T_{iopath_aged} and block-to-block delay time $T_{connect\_aged}$ is provided. The pin-to-pin delay time T_{iopath_aged} is delay time of a signal passing between an input pin and an output pin of a logic block. The block-to-block delay time $T_{connect\_aged}$ is delay time of a signal passing between said two logic blocks connected to each other in a computer. Furthermore, this method comprises the following steps: